

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of configuring a unique computer name record for an information handling system included in a network of a plurality of information handling systems, the method comprising:
 - reading a service tag identifier uniquely identifying the information handling system;
 - incorporating at least a portion of the service tag identifier to define the unique computer name record;~~and~~
 - the information handling system and the plurality of information handling systems using a substantially similar boot program;
 - storing the unique computer name record for the information handling system in a memory of the information handling system;
 - transferring the unique computer name record to a name registry of the information handling system;
 - booting the information handling system from the substantially similar boot program used by each of the plurality of information handling systems;
 - reading the name registry; and
 - broadcasting the unique computer name record on the network to check for conflicts, and whereby if no conflict exists, the information handling system is recognized as a valid node on the network.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of information handling systems is configured to have a corresponding unique computer name record using a service tag identifier of each of the plurality of information handling systems.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration of the unique computer name record occurs prior to the information handling system accessing the network.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration of the unique computer name record for the information handling system occurs dynamically during a startup of the information handling system.
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim-5_1, wherein the transfer of the unique computer name record to the name registry occurs prior to the information handling system accessing the network.
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Currently Amended) An information handling system, included in a network of a plurality of information handling systems, comprising:
 - a processor;
 - a memory coupled to the processor;
 - the network coupled to the processor and the memory, wherein the information handling system and the plurality of information handling systems use a substantially similar boot program; and
 - a program stored in the memory, wherein the program is enabled to:
 - read a service tag identifier uniquely identifying the information handling system;-and

incorporate at least a portion of the service tag identifier to define the unique information handling name record;

store the unique information handling name record for the information handling system in the memory;

transfer the unique information handling name record to a name registry of the information handling system;

boot the information handling system from the substantially similar boot program used by each of the plurality of information handling systems;

read the name registry; and

broadcast the unique computer name record on the network to check for conflicts, and whereby if no conflict exists, the information handling system is recognized as a valid node on the network.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein each of the plurality of information handling systems is configured to have a corresponding unique information handling name record using a service tag identifier of each of the plurality of information handling systems.
10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the definition of the unique information handling system name record occurs prior to the information handling system accessing the information handling network.
11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the definition of the unique information handling system name record for the information handling system occurs dynamically during a startup of the information handling system.

12. (Cancelled).
13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~12~~ 8, wherein the transfer of the unique information handling name record to the name registry occurs prior to the information handling system accessing the information handling network.
14. (Cancelled).
15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having a computer program accessible therefrom, wherein the computer program comprises instructions for:
 - reading a service tag identifier uniquely identifying an information handling system;
 - incorporating at least a portion of the service tag identifier to define a unique computer name record; and
 - wherein the information handling system is coupled to a computer network comprising a plurality of information handling systems, wherein the information handling system and the plurality of information handling systems use a substantially similar boot program;
 - storing the unique computer name record for the information handling system in a memory of the information handling system;
 - transferring the unique computer name record to a name registry of the information handling system;
 - booting the information handling system from the substantially similar boot program used by each of the plurality of information handling systems;

reading the name registry; and
broadcasting the unique computer name record on the network
to check for conflicts, and whereby if no conflict exists, the information
handling system is recognized as a valid node on the network.

16. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of information handling systems is configured to have a corresponding unique computer name record using a service tag identifier of each of the plurality of information handling systems.
17. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the definition of the unique computer name record occurs prior to the information handling system accessing the computer network.
18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the definition of the unique computer name record for the information handling system occurs dynamically during a startup of the information handling system.
19. (Cancelled).
20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~49~~ 15, wherein the transfer of the unique computer name record to the name registry occurs prior to the information handling system accessing the computer network.
21. (Cancelled).